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Spring 2001 Newsletter

NEWS

Thanks to Carl and Joyce Jantzer, we once again had a successful and new entry in the Daffodil Days parade on April 7, five of our Saturday activities group rode on a massive log hauling wagon used by Stewart Weeks between 1890 and 1910. Mary Ames Sherit arranged for us to display it, as it has been stored by SOHS since Week's death in '67. It will be put in a covered display area at the Museum.

Members of the Latgawa Indians have been working on filling 2 display cases here at the museum. A welcome addition since there are a number of local artifacts. We need this input of the cultures preceding the white man's arrival in this area.

One fund raiser for this year will be a humungous yard sale held on Saturday, May 5th. If you are local and want to contribute, donations are most welcome. There are several other local events that weekend, so it would be a great time to visit the Upper Rogue.

MINI-CLASSES

Three of our museum volunteers, Clarisse Pitto and Jim and Alice Collier, participated in the Elk-Trail mini-classes in February and March. The theme of our project was Old-Fashioned Home Made Toys. The six students who chose this class were enthusiastic and followed directions well.

The first things the students made were button spinners and folded cutout paper dolls, which turned out to be everything from ladies to flowers to bears.

Another popular project was rubberband boat making. The students used saws, hammers and staplers to make these boats out of sugar pine shakes.

The sock dolls were made on the basis of Laura's Christmas doll from Little House in the Big Woods. Buttons were sewn on for eyes, heads were stuffed and tied off, faces were made with crayons, and arms and legs were sewn on the stuffed bodies. Hair was made with yarn raveled from old sweaters and glued on the heads. Clothes were made from scraps of fabric.

Our last project was kites. They were made with willow twigs, string and newspapers. And glue. Strips of fabric were tied to the tails and the builders couldn't wait to try them.

We have to credit Ashley, Haley, Mike, Sean, Ken and Rion with their creativity, enthusiasm and willingness to follow unfamiliar directions. We believe they had a good time and absorbed a little history at the same time.

ACTIVITIES

The Museum is continuing Saturday Morning Activities. Some special activities and demonstrations are planned for some of the weeks ahead. On April 28 there will be a demonstration of soap-making and scenting with lavender. May 12 will see us dipping candles and on May 26 we will be finger weaving. We hope some of you will want to attend these activities. On the other Saturdays, we will continue to work on individual projects, such as quilt-making, embroidery, crocheting, origami, etc.

We are using the old post office for activities now, while plans are being made for renovation. With the sewing machine, the iron and ironing board, and a big table, there seems to be plenty of room.

VOLUNTEERS

Once again it is that time - to fill the list of volunteers to keep the museum open during the summer. The Colliers, Vaughans, and Clarisse Pitto have had it open on Saturdays and Sundays through the winter and we would like to start summer hours April 18. If you have a half day a week with nothing interesting to do, why not sit at the museum and visit with people who come in? You hear all kinds of stories and might give some helpful information.

NEW MEMBERS

Wanda N. Griffith
Dr. & Mrs. Edward Falces (Suzanne)
Same & Caroline Darby
George Bostic

RECIPE

Our recipe this time was requested by Clarisse Pitto. It is the one we used last fall to make mincemeat at one of our Saturday Activity days. If someone gets a deer, we may do it again this year.

Mincemeat

3 pounds venison, cooked and ground
1 lemon, ground
3 pounds seedless raisins
1 pound seeded raisins
1/2 pound currants (we didn't use these)
1 pound ground suet
6 pounds pared chopped apples (or ground)
1 pint grape juice
1 quart cider or apple juice
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups sugar

Combine all ingredients. Cook in large pan on low heat 3 hours, or until apples are tender. Cool. Store in refrigerator or freezer. Makes 8 quarts.

PLANTINGS

Several of us have had discussions about possible plantings for the museum. Now with getting the Post Office, more definite plans are being made. These plans are coming together in three parts.

One section we agree on is the desirability of an heirloom rose garden. This would include old roses which members of the community have collected as well as purchased antique roses.

Another part of the plantings would include flowers, vegetables and herbs that our ancestors would probably have had in their yard and garden.

A third component of the plantings would be plants that have a known history in the community.

If you have any ideas or contributions, let one of us know.

POST OFFICE

In January of this year, we took possession of the Old Trail Post Office. This building was constructed in 1946 and was the first time the Post Office had its own facility. Previously, the Post Office had been in the store or hotel across Highway 62. .

We will be renovating the structure this coming summer with a new roof being the first order of activity. Present use is for Saturday activities and small group meeting. As remodeling takes place other uses may be identified and accomodations for them will be made.

The property came to us as the result of phone calls to Robert Stacey (son of the owner) by Ivorene Carlton and Barbara Fry letting him know of our interest. In settling his mother's estate, this was determined to be in everyones best interest. We thank those who worked to make this happen. At some point suitable plaques will be placed to recongnize the history of this event. Every effort will be made to preserve and enhance that history.

LOGGING EQUIPMENT

Along with the many additions inside the museum this winter we have not neglected the outdoor displays. We now have a 1940 Ford single axle log truck being loaded under the 1938 Macvay loader. Individuallity was a very large part of the timber industry. The color scheme of green and black truck with a yellow loader illustrates that diversity.

Other items yet to be delivered are a logging arch and a drag saw. Add these to the horse drawn logging wagon and our yard is becoming a very interesting area.